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# THE BLOWN FUSE

CLUB STATION W6CUS

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## EBARC Meeting

December 14, 2007  
7:30 p.m.

Installation of 2008 EBARC Officers  
and  
Holiday Social



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month  
at the Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
at 1123 Harrison St., Berkeley. For directions call 510-525-0694.

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## Field Day 2007 Results

### Peter Hoffman, W6DEI

Official Field Day results for 2007 were published in QST this month, and with 6,130 points, EBARC placed 28th out of 280+ entries in the 3A class. We were 3rd place among 3A stations in the Pacific Division. Those are excellent results. My thanks to all who participated in the myriad of tasks required to pull off another successful Field Day.

As good as our score was there's ample room for improvement. Specifically we could benefit by having more trained operators for the SSB and PSK stations where our transceivers sat idle during a good portion of the contest hours. If you haven't operated a contest before you'd be surprised at how much fun it can be. A few hours of mentoring with one of the seasoned testers in our club is about all that's required for you to enjoy the thrills of ham radio contesting next Field Day.

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Ye Olde Editor preafrooded this month's *Blown Fuse*. Errors are hers alone...

## December Program

### Ron Smith, KE6RS

Our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature installation of officers for 2008 followed by a year-end social. The club will provide a small gift for each person attending, and a drawing will be held to decide which attendee takes home a nice door prize.

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## Treasurer's Report

### November 2007

### Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer

#### NOVEMBER INCOME

Family Renewals; N6JDW/KF6OGC,  
KG6DER/KI6MPO,  
K6JEB/KI6FYN .....\$90.00  
Membership Renewals; W8JSN,  
KE6ZWO, W6DOB, AA6XZ,  
NU6W, NJ6T, KA6BQF, KG6WPN,  
KE6EUA, KE6RS, KD6SWU .....275.00  
Donation (KD6SWU) .....5.00  
Coffee Kitty.....20.32  
Total Nov. Income.....\$390.32

#### NOVEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing .....\$13.12  
Blown Fuse Postage .....23.78  
AT&T (W6CUS phone).....16.52  
Total Nov. Disbursements.....\$53.42

#### BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund) .....\$4,577.69  
Savings (Station Fund\*) .....\$3,175.51

\*\$760 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

The 2008 membership dues are now being collected. The cost is \$25 for a regular individual and \$30 for a family. Please write your call sign(s) on your check to facilitate recordkeeping. Pay your dues at the next club meeting, or send them in to the club P.O. box (address on the cover of *The Blown Fuse*).

## 2008 EBARC Membership Renewal

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Name

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Call Sign

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License Class (circle)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

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Phone (include area code)

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e-mail address

ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Membership Type ☐ Regular ☐ Family  
*Blown Fuse* delivery ☐ e-mail ☐ snail mail

Dues: Regular \$25, Family \$30, K-12 \$10

Mail to P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530

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Additional family member name(s), call, and class

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Please use the lines above to tell us your ham interests,  
and any non-ham skills or hobbies

## General Meeting Minutes

### November 9, 2007

Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Secretary

The meeting called to order by Jack, K6JEB,  
near 7:30 p.m.

Club Station Chair, Stanton, asked if we should  
consider dropping the towers to service the  
antenna rotors. Texx mentioned that one of  
the rotors does have a "sticky" spot.

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Ron Smith, announced that next  
month's meeting would be a "social." Every  
attendee would get a small gift, and one more  
substantial doorprizes would be awarded.

Field Day Chair, Peter Hoffman, made a plea  
for more radio operators on Field Day, offering  
mentoring and encouragement to anyone  
interested.

Education Chair, John Wood, said the recent  
Technician class completed successfully with  
18 of 20 students passing their license exam.  
We are now in the middle of the General  
upgrade class and will consider doing an Extra  
upgrade class this spring. Four people  
expressed interest in taking that Extra class.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Sharon, reported that membership  
renewals are coming in. 16 people at the  
recent VE session received a copy of *The  
Blown Fuse*, a membership application, and an  
invitation to attend an EBARC meeting. Those  
who took the Technician class get free  
membership in EBARC for 2008.

Treasurer, Gordy, reported our bank balances,  
income and expenditures. Insurance is due  
and will be paid.

President, Jack, reminded everyone about the  
4C's holiday party.

Ron Smith mentioned the ARRL Frequency  
Test and mentioned that Mike Fahme will be

## EBARC Officers for 2008

EBARC officers for 2008 are:

President, Jack Burris, K6JEB  
1st VP, "Texx" Woodworth, KG6ATH  
2nd VP, Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF  
3rd VP, Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ  
Treasurer, Gordon Parsons, NU6W  
Secretary, Peter Hoffman, W6DEI

conducting one in parallel for just the West Coast.

Jack reminded us of the November Sweepstakes contest coming up. Ti-Michelle mentioned the Section Manager Bulletins from the ARRL and said that we had added lots of new hams to our ranks (119) in October.

Nominations were opened for 2008 EBARC officers. All current officers agreed to stay in their positions, with the exception of Ron Smith, First VP. So each current officer was re-nominated for their position. Texx was nominated for First VP. With only one nominee for each position, a motion was made to approve the slate by acclamation. That was seconded and passed.

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## Future Bay Area Events

- 4Cs/EBARC Holiday Party, Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m., at Marie Callender's, 2090 Diamond Blvd. Concord. Reservations and payment due by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to Barbara Grazer-Robinson, KD6OKJ, 510-222-4990.
- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at [www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html](http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html)
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. 2007 sessions are complete, and the dates for 2008 have not yet been set. Exams are held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of the Kaiser Building, 1950 Franklin, Oakland (1 block from the 19<sup>th</sup> St. BART station). The 2008 fee (and retest fee) has not yet been set. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details, RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

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## EBARC Roster Update

**NEW MEMBER:** Mona Shahbazian, KI6MPD, joined (with Michael Hole) for 2008. She has a Technician license. She lives at 780 Oak Grove Rd. #D308, Concord, CA 94518. Her phone is 925-609-7172.

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## EBARC Thanks "The Candy Store"

A big "thank you" from EBARC goes to Ham Radio Outlet in Oakland. Manager Mark Nowell, W17YN, has generously donated gifts for the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 4Cs/EBARC Holiday Luncheon. If you've reserved and paid for the luncheon, you'll have a chance to get one of these gifts. Please patronize our faithful advertiser, HRO!

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*Season's  
Greetings*



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, call (510) 233-7509, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page [www.eastbayarc.org](http://www.eastbayarc.org), or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. The packet station, W6CUS-1, is on 145.630 Mhz, and is linked to the EAST BAY LAN (EBAY) on 223.720 Mhz.

## 2007 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jack Burris, K6JEB, President .....	415-305-2547
Ron Smith, KE6RS, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair .....	724-5099
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Social & Digital Committees Chair .....	
Legislative Affairs .....	
RFI Committee Chair .....	
Historian .....	

## AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

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work: 510-893-7900 x 270; pager 510-765-4618. Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.